



Pacific Coast Managers on Look-out for Major Players to Bolster Up Teams.

Within a week or so, and perhaps a couple of days, word is expected from Chicago of the Cubs turning over a pitcher and an outfielder to the Seals, says a late San Francisco paper. Before boarding the train for Los Angeles, Manager Del Howard announced that he had dispatched a hurry-up wire to Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Nationals, asking that the deal which the two have framed be rushed through with all possible haste.

Just who the men will be is not known, but Manager Del gives the assurance that they are well-known factors around the big league circuit, and will prove a tower of strength to the San Francisco club. "A list has been submitted to me of the men the Cubs are planning to turn over, and I have made my selection," says Del. "The pitcher I want is a spit-baller, who is a strong young fellow, good for two games a week. There may be trouble getting him out of the National League. The others that Murphy offered me are also capable performers, and would do much to bolster up our pitching staff. It is certain that we will get a pitcher from the Cubs, and also an outfielder."

Asked if it was true that he was after Earl Moore, the former star Philly leaver, as has been reported, Manager Del replied that there was a chance that Moore would come out, but declined to discuss the subject further. No intention was given of the outfielder who may be turned over.

"All that I have been waiting for was Murphy's return from his trip abroad," continued Del. "We discussed the deal when he was in Chicago, and terms and other conditions were agreed upon. Murphy delayed his decision until Manager Johnny Evers had more of an opportunity to decide on which men he would eliminate from the spring training camp. When I secure these new men it will about put us in shape to go into spring training quarters."

Hofman Deal in Air.
The Artie Hofman deal, which is also hanging fire, will be settled the first of the year. The fact that Charles Somers, owner of the Cleveland Club, wants to see the New Orleans Club may have some bearing on Howard's efforts to get the former Cub outfielder. Hofman became a free agent at the close of the season, which was called for in his contract with the Nashville Club but the Southern League has a rule that waivers must be secured before the player can leave the circuit. Every club save New Orleans waived, and the fact it held back was due to the reason that Somers was going to buy the club the first of the year.

Manager Del accordingly had a talk with Somers and was promised that New Orleans would waive just as soon as Somers took command. Now it appears that Somers is endeavoring to sell his own purchase, and it is possible that the new Southern League club will refuse to let go of Hofman. The latter has refused to play in the Southern League, and it will not be known until after January 1st how the deal is going.

Will Try Spit Ball Pitchers.
Manager Howard has made known his plan to secure spit ball pitchers, and it is with this in mind that he will endeavor to convert Willie Hogan back into a finger and will give "Pop" Arlett a thorough tryout.

"I have discovered that spit ballers have been quite successful in the Coast League," explained the Seals' skipper. "And I want to see how they would work for San Francisco. Johnny Wurfel battled against Arlett in the bushes a couple of Sundays ago and tells me that 'Pop' has added a spitter to his collection that shoots and hits. He can master the moist ball he will undoubtedly prove a valuable addition, for Pop is a smart pitcher and a strong young fellow. They also tell me that Willie Hogan used to use the spitter, and as he simply stepped off the mound because of his hitting there is no reason why he can not go back to his first love."

It will be remembered that Hogan won eleven games in a row for Oakland and so many years ago, and perhaps he will make a success in the new position.

The third baseman which Washington promised Ben Berry may turn out to be Joe Gordon, the former Seal who spent practically all of last season on the bench or on the suspended list because of bad behavior. The Los Angeles owner declared when last in San Francisco that he would be willing to take the youngster who created such a sensation with the Seals.

"Clark Griffith, however, told me when I was in the East that he was going to take another chance with Gordon," explained Del. "He said he showed a lot of promise and if he could learn to hit he would develop into a major league player. Still there is a chance that he will change his mind, and it may come to pass that Joe will be with the Angels when spring rolls around. Gordon is only a kid and can be taught a lot of things by a wise old head like Frank Dillon."

YALE SELECTS OLD GRAD TO COACH ROWING SQUAD

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, December 14.—Captain T. R. Deane, of the Yale crew announced tonight that Richard Armstrong, Yale '95, has been appointed head coach of the Yale crew. The Yale crew, which is one of the best in the world, has been coached by Deane since 1908. Armstrong, who is a former member of the Yale crew, has been coaching the Yale crew since 1908. He is a former member of the Yale crew, and has been coaching the Yale crew since 1908. He is a former member of the Yale crew, and has been coaching the Yale crew since 1908.

Director of Boxing in France Billings Langford and Jeannette for Championship.

NEW YORK, December 14.—M. Vienne, director of the Society for the Propagation of English Boxing in France, explains his reasons for proposing the San Langford-Joe Jeannette bout in Paris on December 26 as a world's championship contest as follows:

"The title held by Jack Johnson is declared vacant because it is not admissible in sport for a man to legitimately hold all his life, or at least as long as he pleases, a title which he has obtained by force of arms. I have therefore offered Jack Johnson an opportunity of defending his title in Paris under the usual conditions of a participation in the receipts, with a guarantee of \$25,000, then \$30,000. Jack Johnson has always refused."

"In an interview Jack Johnson had in Paris with Victor Reever, then my assistant, and later with Leon Soc, director of boxing and boxers, he made the same public declaration, which remains still without denial, that 'I will not box again even for a million.' Since coming to Paris Johnson made an engagement to meet me. He did not come himself, but his representative came, only to decline to meet me. Johnson did not wish to really box a capable adversary to maintain his title, but only adversaries of a second class. Under those conditions no one can be expected to submit to Johnson's fantastic demands. The sporting world has every right to rebel and to place open for public competition a title which the holder, because it is too much trouble, does not wish to have to defend."

NEW YORK, December 14.—Both Ray and Vardon were besieged upon their return to England for expressions of opinion regarding golf and golfers in America. A synopsis of their replies would indicate that the famous English professionals believe J. J. McNeill, the best of the professionals in this country, with "Chick" Evans holding a similar position among the amateurs. The best courses, they said, were located at Cleveland and Detroit. It was their opinion that American golfers were too prone to use iron on the trees, due in part to the absence of real bunkers and rough going on the American courses. According to Ray, there is a strong probability that a team of English professionals will tour the world in 1915, playing in America, Australia and Africa.

HILO PORTUGUESE CAN SCORE NINETEEN RUNS

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, Hawaii, December 22.—Yesterday afternoon at Moohau Park the Hilo Portuguese baseball nine defeated the Mauna Kea team by the score of nineteen to nine runs. When news arrived this morning from Honolulu to the effect that the Honolulu Portuguese baseball team had been defeated by the Hawaiians to the tune of nineteen to nothing, great was the elation of the local competitors of the defeated Honolulu team that at least Hilo Portuguese could play ball.

There is already talk that the Hilo bunch will try to make overtures to go to Honolulu on the first convenient occasion to try conclusions with the team the Hawaiians smothered.

OAHU JUNIOR LEAGUE WINDS UP YEAR'S WORK

At a meeting held by the Oahu League officials on Monday evening, at which were present managers and captains of the different teams, the business of the year was fully and firmly wound up. After deducting all expenses, a neat little sum was divided among the teams. This could have been better had the league been able to stage more of its games during the afternoon at Athletic Park, but the continuous performance of the Oahu League was in the way of this.

Two Men Get Credit for Knocking Out a Man and a Half Each—Carlin Gets Hand.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, December 23.—Tonight's fight card at the Infantry Amusement Hall bore forth a big crowd of fans, all things considered, everything turned out well.

There was some disappointment over the fact that Bud Walters got cold pedal extremities at the last moment and refused to meet Walter Carlin in the main event which was scheduled to go fifteen rounds. Walters, however, that Carlin was overweight, but this was found to be incorrect, Carlin actually weighing in and tipping the scales a few pounds under Walters.

The management announced immediately that if anyone was dissatisfied with the show he would be refunded his entrance fee and also announced that Carlin had assented to consent to take on two men during the evening in place of Walters. No one left the hall and none asked for a refund, for the show was, after all, well worth the price.

In the battle royal between five Twenty-fifth Infantry men, three went down early in the melee by the K. O. route, Zeno and Grant remaining to finish up the fun, but after considerable time trying to knock each other out the fight between them was called a draw and a decision was given in their favor as to the three who had been placed on the mat early in the game. In this manner Zeno and Grant each got the credit for knocking out a man and a half.

The second four round preliminary was between Willie Woods and Battling Howard, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. The bout went the full limit, and a draw was called on the men. It was a smart little affair and afforded some amusement.

The second four round preliminary, between Bob Stephens and John Turnbull, of the Fourth Cavalry, was a fast and furious one, Turnbull, who claims to have been the lightweight champion in the British Army in India, being knocked out cold in the second round. He was knocked out by a right hand punch which was scheduled to go eight rounds. Ollie Pinnell easily got away with Dandy Hyde and had him counted out in the second round. It was good while it lasted, but the fun was cut short when Hyde hit the dust and was unable to come in to time to face his opponent again.

In place of fighting Bud Walters, who at the last moment refused to meet him in the main event, which was to go fifteen rounds, Carlin took two men in four round bouts. In the first bout he dispatched Billy Newman, of the Fourth Cavalry, by the knockout route and did this in the third round. After five minutes rest Carlin took on Theodore Fillings, of the Hospital Corps, but as he failed to get Fillings to sleep before the end of the fourth round, the bout was declared a draw, this being the understanding in both cases.

Carlin's efforts to please the audience were well received and he was given a good hand on his appearance in the ring. He is easily one of the most popular men in the game at the post and his work tonight made him still a more popular favorite.

Sergeant Morgan of the Twenty-fifth Infantry refereed the preliminary bouts, while Major Hart of the same regiment refereed the semi-final and the main event. Both did good work and proved satisfactory to principals and fans alike.

M. Yamaguchi, the new sport editor of the Hawaii Hochi, one of the Honolulu Japanese dailies, arrived yesterday from Japan by the steamer Shinyo Maru. This is Mr. Yamaguchi's first trip to Hawaii and he was shown about the city yesterday by Editor Fred Makino.

Sport Editor Yamaguchi is known as the famous pitcher of the Yokohama Commercial College baseball team and is said to be both an all-round good ball player and sport writer. It is probable that he will take a hand in helping out the Asahi Club of the Oahu League and he may be prevailed upon to join its pitching staff which until now has been limited to only Tompkins and Moriyanu.

Magates Complain of Increase of Salaries and New Parks of Mainland Leagues.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Although the annual meeting of the National League held here last week failed to develop any sensational features aside from the trades made, the magates of the senior baseball organization returned to their homes well satisfied with the outlook for the 1914 season. This optimism is due in great part to the mastery manner in which President Tener, the newly-elected executive, handled affairs after he took the gavel. Lynch's successor gave the impression that he was a man capable of fulfilling every requirement.

It was this impression of executive strength that heartened the magates, for close observers of the sport realize that the expenses of professional baseball are mounting up much faster than attendance figures. In fact, the attendance records of 1912 and 1913 fail to show any considerable increase, while the cost of new parks and stands, together with the increase in players' salaries, have cut into the gross gate receipts considerably. This situation is not due to any falling off of interest, but to conditions entirely outside the realm of the game.

One of these factors is a tendency of the present-day man to be an active, rather than a passive, actor in sport. Whereas in the past he would spend his afternoons and holidays in witnessing baseball and other athletic contests, he now uses the same time to participate in some game or recreation of his own.

The movement offers a problem that requires careful study and handling by those who stage athletic exhibitions which depend for success upon gate receipts. Fortunately big league business has to date held a position above suspicion, but recent wrangles among the club owners of the National League have not helped the game in the eyes of the fans. With Tener as president, the far-seeing magates hope for a harmonious body, working for the advancement of both the league and the sport.

CHICAGO, December 14.—When some one blatted forth the gladsome tidings that Packey McFarland had amassed a quarter of a million dollars in the ring, Packey came back with a howling denial. "Packey, ye mean, a quarter million?" said Packey, then in accents sweet and mild, he blushing told the anxious world that all he had was a paltry \$85,000. A mere bagatelle in these days of swollen fortunes.

Packey says that when the gentlemen who edit the sporting papers credit him with receiving \$8000 or \$7000 for a bout they are trying to put across some of the Annapolis stuff. His share out of the Murphy bout was a mere \$1000, as asserted Packey, "and," he added, "that ain't \$6000 or \$7000, is it? I only wish it was. I wouldn't box many times more if I got that much dough every time I pulled on a glove."

The little stockyards Irishman insists that he is not bluffing when he says he will retire within a year. "It won't be a fat Nelson retirement, either," smiled Packey. "I'll stay quit."

Most of McFarland's earnings are tied up in gas and brewing stocks. Besides he owns a couple of houses and a brand new motor car.

Baseball fans who have taken slants at Lone mountain and have picked out nice soft spots thereon to watch the ball games that will be staged right below it, will have to do some more figuring if they want to see the contests free of charge. It has been commented on that as many people would be on Lone mountain on a Sunday afternoon as there would be in the new park and J. Cal Ewing has taken heed. In short, he has leased Lone mountain as well as the ground on which the ball park is being built, and he will see to it that no one is allowed to climb up there and see a free ball game.

"The bill would prove such a 'range point' to watch the plays that I would have trouble getting the fans into the bleacher and grandstand seats," exclaimed Cal. "So I leased Lone mountain and will have it guarded so that the whole crowd will not be on the bill."

PINKHAM'S VIEWS ON TRANSIT BILL

Endorses It Before Committee of House.—Public to Get the System in Time.

What is practically the first official utterance of Governor Pinkham on any local subject is contained in the published report from the government printing office, Washington, of the committee hearings on the Honolulu Rapid Transit Bill on December 4, in which Governor Frear, L. Tenney Peck and Governor Pinkham made statements. Governor Pinkham was not quite Governor, but near enough to it to be so addressed by the members of the house committee on the Territories.

Governor Pinkham's statement before the committee was:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I had quite a little to do with this street railway problem years ago and made a pretty thorough analysis of the matter with the officers of the company, particularly with Mr. Peck, in my capacity as a private citizen and business man of the town.

Public Protected.
"During this last legislation I was out of the country; I was in the Far East during the last session of the legislature, so I only had what opportunity my short stay in Hawaii afforded before I came down here to Washington to look over this matter, and my information or analysis is scarcely deeper than your own. But my belief is that the people of the Territory and the commercial organizations were so thoroughly in interest in the matter that there is no question, I believe, that they realize that we have protected the public in every possible way, and if I could criticize it it would only be in some minor manner that probably is not essential. I would not want to presume to open up any questions in the matter. Of course, my administration begins as soon as the President can sign my commission. At present I am not in active administration.

"The Chairman—Governor, you have given this bill your careful consideration, have you not?"

"Mr. Pinkham—I have read it very carefully. I have made my statement as concisely as possible, and as I understand it, the operations of the sinking fund, if they are carried out as planned, mean that the sinking fund simply discharges the obligations to the stockholders of their original capital and turns the property over to the public, and that, I understand from Mr. Peck, is the effect, and Governor Frear does not dispute me."

"Governor Frear—that is correct."

"Mr. Pinkham—So one could hardly ask more from a community than that. I do not quite agree that they will have a pile of old junk there under any circumstances because the public would not stand to have it decline into a junk pile, even if there was any property for getting money out of it or not. It is very rarely that a corporation has to surrender property without some reasonable and proper consideration. The public does not appropriate property that way because the company, I presume, would have a right to receive their belongings from the street and take their movable equipment away and all that kind of thing. So that it has not particularly impressed me, but what does impress me is the fact that through the sinking fund, in a reasonable manner, the public becomes the possessor of that railroad unless they want to previously make some investment and get it in their possession sooner, and that they can do today practically on the same terms as the sinking fund."

Approves the Bill.
"Mr. Curry—Governor, you approve this bill, don't you?"

"Mr. Pinkham—Yes, sir; I approve the bill so far as I have been able to analyze it. I do not say that I have gone into it in a way that I might, and be responsible for it to the Governor. But there is no reason why I should doubt his wisdom in the matter."

In Mr. Peck's statement, made at the same time, appears a paragraph which he may have repeated in San Francisco, leading to the impression that there had been "a new deal." He said:

"In order to make that still clearer, as Governor Pinkham suggests, if the sinking fund, through its operation from time to time, plus interest, whether paid over to the stockholders or retained, should equal the amount of the capital stock, then the city gets its whole property turned over to them as a present for nothing. The proprietorship of the stockholders ceases because their proprietorship, not as seen through the operation of the sinking fund itself, not marked according to the physical valuation at all, but through a nominal value of the stock, and if the sinking fund equals that through its operation, then the corpus becomes automatically the property of the public. It is rather a peculiar position, but that is the fact."

Statistics appear to show that men are more likely to be struck by lightning than women, more than two men being killed by it for every woman. But it has to be borne in mind that the man's occupation is more likely to take him into the open when lightning is about. It has been observed, however, that in a group equally composed of both sexes lightning seems to refer the men and it is possible to theorize at pleasure as to whether it is the comparatively high that does it, or some protection afforded by the woman's dress, or a difference in conductivity between the sexes. The fact that children are seldom killed by lightning supports to a certain extent the first of these theories.

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SAVING MADE ON ROAD CONTRACT

Loan Fund Commission Settles Disagreement Between Contractors and Engineers.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)
HILO, December 21.—A disagreement between Chief Engineer Adams of the Loan Fund Commission staff, and the Lord-Young Engineering Company, with regard to certain payments on the belt road contract just completed at Oahala, was the main topic of discussion at a meeting of the commission last Thursday at Oahala. The meeting was called at the special request of the contractors and was attended by Chairman Ross, Superintendent of Public Works Caldwell, W. P. P. Bluet and David Ewald.

The original contract price for the road was \$106,564.34, but owing to savings which had been effected in concrete and excavation work, the engineer proposed to cut down the price of the work. It was the amount of the deduction which was the bone of contention. Adams set forth his figures and the contractors set forth theirs.

Adams said in the course of his letter to the commission: "The claims set forth by the Lord-Young Engineering Company appear to me to be an attempt to discredit the commission's engineers and to stampede the commission into allowing them more than they are entitled to. I therefore recommend that they be treated with less liberality than would otherwise be shown."

Lord took strenuous exception to this statement, claiming that the commission had no right to penalize a contractor merely because he disagreed with the engineer. It would not be right to punish a man, he said, for exercising his Anglo-Saxon right of free speech.

The amount of the reduction was finally agreed upon, so the total paid the contractors amounted to \$101,588.16. The contract was finished considerably ahead of the time fixed for its completion. It was inspected by the commission last Thursday, and the commissioners and the engineer agreed that it was an excellent piece of work.

Another important matter taken up at the commission's session last week was a request from Contractor John Brown that he be given an extension of ninety days on his contract for a belt road section between Hakalua and Papanoa. Brown's contract expires on January 1, but it is very plain that the end is not in sight. Brown complained that bad weather conditions had interfered with his work, that unusually high water in the gulches had several times swept away his material, thereby causing much delay; and that he had been unfortunate by having several accidents happen to his machinery.

The commission decided to grant Brown the ninety days extension asked for, with the condition that from January 1, the contractor will have to pay all the expense of inspection on his job, this including all extra expense which the engineer will be put to in connection with the job after the expiration of the original time limit.

Revised List Showing Graduated Scale of Charges Submitted to Harbor Commissioners.

Still another list of altered pilot fees were presented to the harbor board at its meeting yesterday morning and tentatively approved by that body. It is still based on the sliding scale, the largest ships paying the largest pilot fees, a system which received praise and at that about equally when the matter was first broached.

The present data was prepared after receiving reports on pilots' fees from many of the largest harbors of the world. It divides the ships into fifteen classes, the lowest rate being \$25 and the highest \$70, the increase being extremely gradual.

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Class 7 or 8000 to 9999 tons inclusive, \$47.50.

Class 8 or 10,000 to 11,999 tons inclusive, \$50.

Class 9 or 12,000 to 14,999 tons inclusive, \$52.50.

Class 10 or 15,000 to 17,999 tons inclusive, \$55.

Class 11 or 18,000 to 20,999 tons inclusive, \$57.50.

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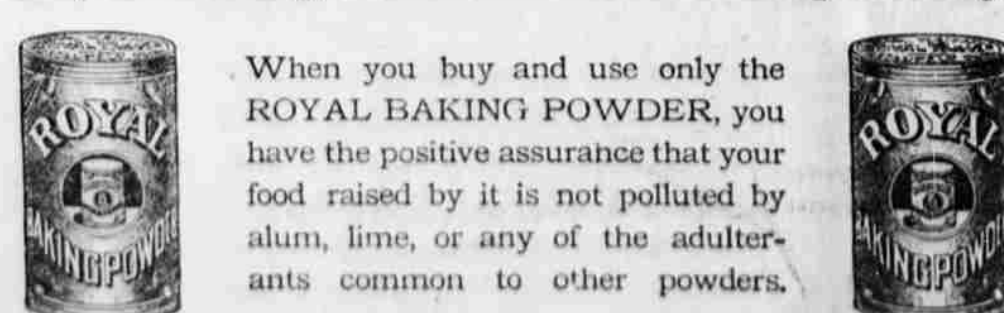
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